

Watchung Environmental Commission

Minutes

February 24, 2014

Present: Jean Forlano, Rob Gibbs, Pam Lewis, Karen Pennett, Don Pote

Absent: Sondra Epstein, Andy & Jim Stout

Guest: Cameron Black

The meeting was called to order by Jean Forlano at 7:30 pm

Minutes

- November 25, 2013 and January 27, 2014 approved with corrections

Tree Matters

- No Tree Report

Planning Board

- Resolution granting Crystal Ridge/Avalon change from a manned gate house to electronic gate was approved

Miscellaneous

- **Environmental Movie**

Date for showing of "Queen of the Sun" at Watchung Hills High School will be April 30.

Technical person from the High School will be available to set up projector and screen. Pam is going to ask if the Technical person could remain throughout the evening to help run the projector and be there in case technical situations arise. We will be exempt from Custodial and Security Fees. Jean will submit Licensing Fee for 1 to 100 people.

Jean created an ad for Queen of the Sun to be placed in the town newsletter.

The Environmental Commission will have a special meeting on March 19, 2014 to go over plans for the showing of "Queen of the Sun" and ensure everything is being taken care of. Karen will call Borough Hall to ensure meeting room available.

- **Newsletter**

Jean submitted two articles for the next Watchung Newsletter; ad for "Queen of the Sun" and an article titled "Repurpose Your Fallen Leaves."

- **Correspondence**

Correspondence was review

- **R. Gibbs**

Tree Ordinance: Recommended changes to the Tree Ordinance reviewed at January's Environmental Commission meeting were reviewed and passed by Laws and Ordinance Committee. Rob needed a copy of the Recommended Species by Soil Type to be included with the ordinance. Jean provided a copy.

No Shred Day: Watchung will not hold a shred day this year due the falling rocks near the police station. Shred Day will be held in Green Brook June 12. Rob asked if anyone would volunteer to help.

- **C. Black**

Rain Barrels that Watchung received are not being used. Not sure how to distribute and/or maintain.

Diamond Hill Clean up: Plans to clean up Diamond Hill Road are still in process. Due to the amount of traffic and safety of the volunteers, the Road would have to be closed. C. Black is pursuing permission needed to close Diamond Hill for a cleanup day.

Next regular meeting: Monday March 24 at Borough Hall. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Pennett

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